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AFRL beats CFC goal by more than 40 percent *by Katherine Gleason, AFRL Public Affairs*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — When the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) kicked off on October 3, the Air Force Research Laboratory's goal was to collect \$273,000 in donations. Six weeks and \$382,852 later, AFRL had exceeded its goal by more than 40 percent.

More than 50 percent (1,064 of 2,125) of AFRL personnel contributed to the CFC in 2001, with a per capita donation amount of \$170.91, and an average donation amount of \$341.34. Within AFRL, each directorate also surpassed expectations. The Materials and Manufacturing (ML) directorate led the way by collecting 154.63 percent of its initial goal.

Although the CFC is in its 37th year, AFRL worked hard to make sure all personnel had access to CFC donation forms and information. 2nd Lt. Rodrick Koch, AFRL/XPE, assisted in this effort by distributing forms, tallying numbers, and briefing Gen Nielsen on the progress of the campaign.

"It felt really good to be able to help out," said Koch. "The money raised will help make our community better."

While individual donations account for a substantial portion of the money raised, the directorates also participated in 21 fundraisers that generated nearly \$3,000 for the campaign. The Human Effectiveness Directorate organized "Alien Bowling," which raised \$600, earmarked for the United Way September 11 fund.

Maj. Gary Martinsen, Wright-Patterson AFRL CFC Co-Chair, commented that this year's AFRL totals were particularly impressive because of the high goals that were set. Martinsen also noted that donations this year were higher than at any point in the program's history.

Established by Executive Order in 1964, the CFC is an annual fund-raising drive in which Federal employees and military personnel work to raise millions of dollars to benefit charitable organizations worldwide. CFC charities include: The United Way, the American Cancer Society, Goodwill Industries, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Red Cross, and many others. The Miami Valley CFC district consists of 11 counties in Southwestern Ohio, including Wright-Patterson AFB.

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